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SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] traveling through Saxony, encountered everywhere a serious food shortage. He found that he could not subsist on the rations available in larger cities and whenever possible spent the night in the country. On several occasions, the [REDACTED] whom he visited had to go out and get a few pounds of potatoes from some farmer before being able to serve him any food; in one instance, a new settler divided his last bread [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] visited a lead mine in Freiberg and learned that the canteen had to close because neither potatoes nor any other foods were available. During his visit, the secretary collapsed and it was subsequently found that she had had nothing to eat for the last day and a half.

3. The SED Kreis organizations had to close their soup kitchens, allegedly on account of objections raised by the starving population.

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4. During his entire trip [REDACTED] encountered many emaciated children from Leipzig who hitchhiked from village to village, begging the farmers for bread.

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[REDACTED] Another [REDACTED] who visited the Dresden area about the same time reported that there the rations were being received "regularly".

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